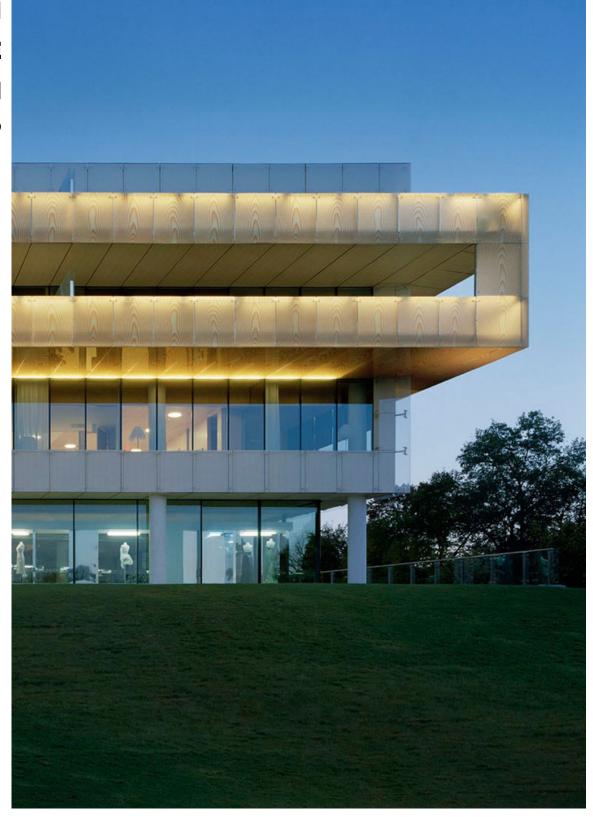
# **HOUSE OF SWEDEN ROOFTOP WEATHER ENCLOSURE**

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House of Sweden has been an appreciated institution in Washington eversince its inauguration in 2006. It has been praised for its architecture that transmits Swedish values as openness and transparency, but also for its capacity to host exhibitions, meetings and cultural events. The roof terrace has been an asset for these events that the building wasn't fully prepared for. The great ability to meet and mingle on the top of the confluence between the Potomac and Rock Creek have been very limited as unpredictable weather conditions often made arrangements on the terrace hazardous. Because of this, the terrace has been used less often than the spectacular venue deserves.

A canopy over the central part of the terrace will make the terrace more accessible and create a crown to the building that will gain the architecture at large. The new construction will respond to the character of the building below. The idiosyncrasies of its architectural features will continue in its white glass panes, expressing the rising mist of a Swedish dawn. However, the retracted position will reduce its impact on the building. The roof will not only improve House of Sweden's capacity to host different outdoor events but also reduce the need for temporary, less attractive, solutions as tents. The glass roof will be of the same design and constructive standard as the rest of the building. Finally, there is a direct advantage following the complementary addition. As the glass barrier will be moved from its current position on the perimeter to a position underneath the roof, the architecture of the original building will be more defined as the edge becomes even more stringent.

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